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FOLLOWING REPEAT QUITO 6737 ACTION SECSTATE 19 SEP QUOTE

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DEPT PLEASE PASS AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
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MANAGUA PLEASE PASS ASST SECY SHLAUDERMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG PFOR EC
SUBJ: GOE-GULF DISPUTE

REF: (A) QUITO 6735 (B) STATE 231069

1. GULF'S LOCAL MANAGER CAME TO SEE ME SUNDAY MORNING TO TELL
ME THAT HIS PRINCIPALS IN CORAL GABLES (HE MENTIONED WYCHE)
(A) HAD REJECTED HIS PROPOSAL THAT THE BALANCE OF THE SPECIAL
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INTO AN ESCROW ACCOUNT (B) HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE GULF LETTER
AND BEEN WORKED OUT WITH THE ADVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT
"EXCEPT FOR ONE STATE DEPARTMENT LAWYER" WHO HAD SUGGESTED
AND ESCROW ACCOUNT, THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT AND GULF ON THE LETTER, AND (C) ASKED HIM TO
RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF MY CALLING ON PRESIDENT POVEDA RIGHT
AFTER GULF PRESENTS THE LETTER IN ORDER TO LEND USG SUPPORT TO THE
PROPOSAL.

2. I TOLD THE GULF MANAGER THAT MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE
DEPARTMENT'S POSITION REGARDING THE KEY QUESTION OF THE ESCROW
ACCOUNT WAS COMPLETELY AT VARIANCE WITH THAT GIVEN HIM BY
CORAL GABLES AND THAT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE "ONE
STATE DEPARTMENT LAWYER" WAS INDEED PRESENTING THE VIEWS OF THE
DEPARTMENT IN URGING AN ESCROW ACCOUNT.

3. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT I DID NOT BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE,
FOR THE REASONS CITED IN REFTEL (A), FOR ME TO SO
CLOSELY ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE GULF OFFER AS WOULD BE THE
CASE IF IT WERE TO IMMEDIATELY CALL ON THE GOE AS GULF WAS
SUGGESTING. I SAID I WOULD PREFER TO WAIT FOR THE GOE'S INITIAL
REACTION TO THE GULF LETTER BEFORE DECIDING MY NEXT MOVE. THE
GULF MANAGER SAID HE WOULD DELIVER THE LETTER TO THE SUPREME
COUNCIL ON MONDAY, SEPT 20 AND WOULD WAIT 24 HOURS BEFORE
CALLING ON GOE OFFICIALS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR REACION.

4. I AM DISTURBED BY THE APPARENT MISPERCEPTION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S
POSITION REF (B) ON THE ESCROW ACCOUNT BY GULF OFFICIALS, A MIS-
PERCEPTION WHICH I WOULD HOPE COULD BE PROMPTLY CORRECTED.
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